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Leaders Chosen For Feb. Sing

By SUSAN KLINGER

The leaders of this year's Sing competition, which is scheduled for February 25, 26 and 27, have been chosen by the four classes.

Leading the Freshmen Class will be Elinor Bartel as Commissioner; Velvert Turner as Chairman; John Muschara as Co-Chairman.

Sophomore Sing Officers are: Jack Bernstein, Commissioner; Joan Gennorelli, Chairman; Ronnie Ashkenazy, Co-chairman; William Parker, Leader; and Juliet Brown, Co-leader. The Juniors will be led by Commissioner Richard Sacks; Joan Schwartz, Chairman; Seena Pava, Leader; and Susan Krumholz, Co-leader. Seniors will be guided by Amy Sterngass, their Commissioner; Mike Russcol, Chairman; Sharon Pearlman, Co-chairman; Celia Urso, Leader; and Jean Musacchio, Co-leader. The faculty advisors are Mr. Sarney, Mr. Kirsch and Mr. Cupferburg.

Jack Bernstein and Elinor Bartel

Each year the members of the respective classes get together to participate in Sing. The more talented of the classmates help compose an original show and accompanying songs. After months of hard work and rehearsal, each class presents its performance to an audience of friends, parents teachers and judges.

Midterm Examinations – Fall 1965

MONDAY, NOV. 22	TUESDAY, NOV. 23	WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24
I 8:00-9:15 English 8, 5, 4 English 5M (1 hr.)	I 8:00-9:15 English 7 English 1M (1 hr.)	I 8:00-9:30 Social Studies 4, 3, 2
II 9:35-11:05 Accounting 4, 3, 2, 1 Social Studies 5	II 9:35-10:50 Distrib. Ed. 3, 2 (1 hr.) French 6, 5, 4, 3 French 2, 1 (1 hr.)	II 9:50-11:20 Business Arith. 2, 1 Math 7, 6, 5, 4 Math E, F
III 11:05-12:00 Lunch and Relaxation	III 11:10-12:40 Biology 5, 4, 3, 3X General Science 2 Lab Tech. B, H Modern Science 1 (1 hr.)	III 11:40-1:10 Math C (2 hr.) Math 3, 2, 1 Gen. Math 3, 2, 1 (1 hr.) Sten. 4 Sec. Prac. 1
IV 12:00-2:00 Parent Visitation Open School Day	IV 1:00-2:30 Distrib. Ed. 4, 1 Law 1 Spanish 5, 4, 3, 1, (1¼ hrs.)	IV 1:15-2:15 General Faculty Conference
V 2:15-3:45 Social Studies 1	V 2:50-3:50 Clerical Pract. 2, 1 Civil Service 1 Sten. 3, 2, 1	V 2:30-3:30 English 3, 6X

Orientation Night Aids Sophs

By RHEA SCHWARTZ

The Orientation Commission, which held its second annual Sophomore Orientation Night on October 29, introduced the students to all aspects of Midwood life. The commissioners, Charlene Davis, Sherry Venokur and Joyce Dudley, with the guidance of Mr. Grebanier, organized the program.

Charlene Davis officially opened the evening with a welcoming address, which was followed by speeches from Mayor Seth Mankes and Miss Shore, who emphasized the importance of rich and active participation in Midwood.

The Music department, represented by the boys' chorus and led by Mr. Seiden, sang "Hard by a Fountain" and "Maria." The brass ensemble then played three selections including John Philip Sousa's "Semper Fidelis." Other highlights included an actual Board of Estimate meeting and the opening of the Music Lounge.

The sophomores then visited the third floor where juniors and seniors were waiting to answer questions about the various Midwood activities.

Seniors Receive Advice On Loans

By JUDY MEYERSON

Admission to City University Colleges and the availability of financial aid were the topics of discussion at the three college clearing house conferences held last month. The college advisors, Mrs. Kipp, Mr. Cohen and Mrs. Laitin, divided the meetings into the following categories: students having 85% averages or better, 75% to 84% pupils, and all general diploma and low average academic students.

Mimeographed material containing national, local and state organizations which offer scholarships, was distributed.

Students were advised to consult the following scholarship books and directories for further information on financial aid: *Scholarships, Fellowships and Loans* by Dr. S. Norman Feingold; *Financial Aid For College Students*, Office of Education, Washington, D.C.; *College Scholarship Guide; N.Y.S. Scholarships, Fellowships and Loan Funds; School Guide*, Lovejoy, and *How To Win A Scholarship*, Baron.

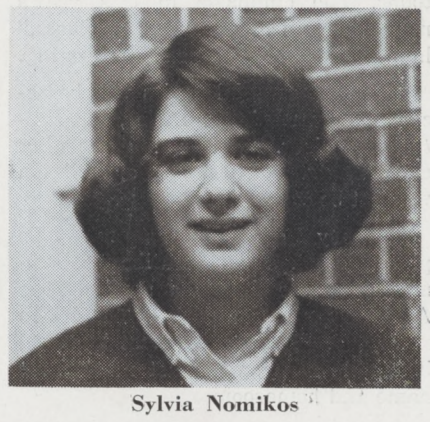
Financial statements are to be sent to The College Scholarship Service, Box 176, Princeton, N.J.

Freshmen Elect Term Officers

By ED WEINTROB

The student body of Midwood's Kensington Annex elected Benjamin Hiller, President, and Denise Volpe, Vice President, of the Freshmen Class. Sonja Diamond and Johnnie Wells are the previously elected officers of the Kensington Council.

Many Annex activities have been organized by Sylvia Nomikos, the Kensington Coordinator, who is currently at work recruiting Kensingtonites for service in the City of Midwood Commissions. A drama club, under the direction of Mr. Hayes, plans to stage a talent show later in the year.



Sylvia Nomikos

Artistically inclined students may further their creative talents by attending the weekly meetings of Mr. Shapiro's art club, or by entering Miss Gordon's auditorium mural painting contest. "If this unique project is successful," Miss Gordon told *Argus*, "we may make more than one mural. Right now, we're open to theme suggestions and rough sketches."

Annual Cheese Party Held By Students

By LINDA LITTMAN

"Cheese of all nations" was the theme of the annual cheese festival of Midwood held on Wednesday, November 10. The event was sponsored by the Home Economics department under the guidance of Miss Tashjian and Miss Galloway. This activity, an enrichment of the Home Economics curriculum, serves to expose students to new taste pleasures, and to help further an understanding of other peoples, their customs, culture and country.

The students of each Home Economics class were responsibile for bringing an unusual cheese which was then tasted and evaluated by the pupils. Several weeks prior were spent in an extensive study of different cheeses.

F.B.I. Agent Addresses S.S. Forum

By ELLEN WEBER

Special agent Arthur K. Hendrix spoke about work in, and the requirements for the FBI, at the S.S. Forum on October 22. "There have been a lot of misconceptions about the powers and duties of the FBI," the representative began. The agency may interfere only in federal crimes such as kidnapping, "moonshining" and Soviet espionage.

Agent Hendrix then mentioned the qualifications for becoming a special agent. An applicant must be 23 years of age, at least 5'6" tall, and have a degree in law or accounting. Clerical and technical jobs are the only positions available to women.

When he was asked about attacks made on FBI efficiency, Hendrix replied, "We're human; we make mistakes, but our record speaks for itself."

Honor Awards Given

By RHONA RESSLER

At the annual honor society installation assembly, the new members of Arista and Archon were officially inducted on November 3. Each participant received a pin and a certificate.

Entertaining the audience was our high school orchestra and Mixed Chorus. Led by Mr. J. Hirsh, the orchestra played "March Slav" by Tchaikowsky and "Hopak" by Moussorgsky, and the chorus, under the guidance of Mrs. B. Tillis, sang "Gaudeamus Igitur," "Fledermaus," "La Crymosa" and a prayer from "Cavalleria." Accompanying the singers was pianist Honora Raphael. The traditional candle-lighting ceremony was performed by Celia Urso, Robin Weiss and Seena Adler, who lit the candles representing Scholarship, Character and Service, respectively.

Accepted into Arista are the following:

Altwerger, Seena
Ashkenazy, Gayle
Bandel, Margaret
Bartel, Elinor
Bernstein, Jerry
Blachman, Marvin
Brother, Lynn
Brown, Janice
Bullard, Wilma
Chan, Marian
Chin, John
Cobert, Amy
Cohen, Betty
Cohen, Joshua
Colen, Robert
Doskow, Arthur
Dubliner, Brian
Edleman, Sharon
Eisen, Susan
Eisenberg, David
Finkel, Lynne
Fisher, Barbara
Gaffin, Arthur
Glassman, Roland
Gold, Joan
Golding, Gerald
Goldstein, Robert
Grant, Peter
Greenblatt, Rochelle
Gutkin, Nancy
Gutstein, Trudy
Hecht, Joanne
Hernesh, Marsha
Hess, Richard
Horn, Toby
Jeanner, Bruce
Kipp, Doreen
Kollin, Gloria
Kornfeld, Alice
Mackler, Peter
Magleof, Audrey
Musacchio, Jean
Musacchio, Robert
Nathanson, Laura
Orvis, Cheryl
Pazmino, Robert
Peltz, Barbara
Posner, Bruce
Pulver, Debbie
Raphael, Honora
Rapoport, Jonathan
Ressler, Rhona
Rosenberg, Steven
Rosenthal, Larry
Rosenthal, Mike
Rosenzweig, Steven
Roth, Nancy
Roth, Victor
Rothman, Karen
Russcol, Fred
Russcol, Michael
Sacks, Richard
Schecter, Robert
Shands, Sandra
Shapiro, Judy
Shaw, Risa
Silverman, Marc
Spielberg, Jeffrey
Spindel, Barbara
Steinhower, Suzanne
Sterngass, Amy
Tannenbaum, Janet
Urso, Celia
Volpe, Janet
Warren, David
Weiss, Robin
Weissberger, Lynne
Wolf, Gary
Ziaman, Joanne

Archon welcomes:

Adler, Seena
Auerbach, Charles
Bartel, Elinor
Beckerman, Adele
Bernstein, Ilene
Bernstein, Marlene
Bernstein, Jerry
Brachfeld, Shelia
Bratman, Patricia
Cohen, Joshua
Cohen, Susan
Colen, Robert
Daugherty, Kathleen
Davis, Charlene
Davis, Salamon
De Veau, Eileen
Edelstein, William
Eisenberg, David
Finkel, Lynne
Finkelstein, Maxine
Frankenstein, Richard
Ganz, Nancy
Geffen, Amy
Glassman, Roland
Goldstone, Susan
Grant, Peter
Greenblatt, Rochelle
Greve, Christine
Gutstein, Trudy
Hernesh, Marsha
Hurtes, Stephen
Import, Eric
Jacobowitz, Marilyn
Karp, Aron
Kimmel, Jonathan
Klein, Gerald
Lepson, Karen
Levy, Ellen
Maltz, Martha
Myers, Beverly
Nathanson, Laura
Pearlman, Sharon
Poggioli, Maria
Roman, Nina
Rosenthal, Michael
Roth, Victor
Rothman, Karen
Russcol, Fred
Russcol, Michael
Sabrin, Susan
Schoenberg, Erica
Schwartz, Eileen
Schwartz, Philip
Shapiro, Susan
Shaw, Risa
Sillen, Rochelle
Spielberg, Jeffrey
Sterngass, Amy
Szymanski, Marsha
Tannenbaum, Janet
Thompson, Lenora
Thorner, Nancy
Volpe, Janet
Warshak, Richard
Watson, Donald
Weberman, Edward
Weiss, Robin
Weissberger, Lynne
Wolf, Gary
Zarr, Rosalind
Zisfein, Laura
Ziskis, Helene

Senior Programs To Be Enriched

By VICTOR ROTH

On the program cards of many seniors will be a wide variety of exciting new courses offered as electives for next term. Mr. Z. Lerner is the chairman of the Program Committee which organizes these classes.

A great number of these optional courses are not presently offered to students of Midwood as part of the curriculum. In this category is the subject, Problems of American Deomcracy, a one term course for students who have completed Social Studies 5. Humanities is a course available to seniors with a 90% average in either English or Social Studies during their 7th term. It offers students an appreciation of the ancient and medieval world in terms of its history, literature, art, and philosophy. Spanish X and French X, one term courses for students who have completed four years of the respective languages, include advanced composition and conversation. Accounting S is give to academic seniors for one term only. It will help to prepare the pupil for specialization in business subjects or accountancy in college, as well as to acquaint the student with qualities of salesmanship. Musical Instruments an elective devoted to the history and development of orchestral instruments, offers the student an opportunity to play some of them.

Besides these courses, there are many standard electives which continue to be available to the 8th term student.

Midwood Offers Sophs Choice Of Two Honor Programs

By KAREN GOTLIN

A choice of two programs is offered to approximately 5 to 7% of our incoming sophomores as part of an Honor's Program under the leadership of Mr. Schiff, the Curriculum Development Coordinator. They are: Math-Science, consisting of a regular academic program, plus Chemistry; or Language-Arts, which incorporates two foreign languages in addition to the other four required majors. Both courses offer CORE, which is a special class combing Social Studies and English.

During the junior year, these students are put into regular honor classes. In their senior year; however, the pupils are encouraged to take courses on a college level. "This is an advantage to the students," commented Mr. Schiff, "as when applying for college entrance the records of those who have participated in the Honor's Program are mailed to the colleges along with a special letter of recommendation from Dr. Bernstein."

The qualifications for this course include outstanding achievements in junior high school, high potentials and recommendations from junior high guidance counselors.

According to the advisor, the main goal of the Honor's Program is to provide a strong background and the motivation to accomplish a great deal scholastically. "We'd like to make them better students."

Seniors Awarded Merit Honors

Forty-one Midwood Seniors were honored by receiving letters of commendation for their outstanding performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last May.

The following Midwoodites are in the top 3% of the nation:

Birzenieks, Gunar M.
Boyer, Kenneth D.
Brachfeld, Sheila P.
Braverman, Terrance
Brill, Martha L.
Brostoff, Rona L.
Chin, John W.
DiPrima, Adrienne A.
Doskow, Arthur
Edelstein, William
Frankenstein, Richard
Golding, Gerald
Grant, Peter R.
Gutkin, Nancy E.
Hecht, Joanne P.
Horn, Toby M.
Klein, Gerald E.
Krasner, Dennis R.
Lerman, Beatrice R.
Mankes, Kathy
Mankes, Seth
Myles, Audrey J.
Nathanson, Robert L.
Pfeffer, Harry L.
Pulver, Debbie S.
Rapoport, Jonathan
Rosen, Judith G.
Rosenberg, Steven A.
Sacks, Richard S.
Schoenberg, Erica J.
Shands, Sandra L.
Shaw, Risa C.
Siegartel, Arthur
Spielberg, Jeff
Sterngass, Amy J.
Thorner, Nancy S.
Warren, David M.
Weinstein, Robert L.
Wolf, Gary J.
Yasbin, Eileen R.
Zemsky, Jeanie D.

Opportunity Seen For Dropouts

By SUSAN KLINGER

Opportunities for unemployed dropouts between the ages of 16 and 21, was among the topics included in speeches given by Mr. Albert Sirota, Director of Job Development, and Mrs. Genia Bonne, Director of Community Organization for J.O.I.N., at a recent meeting of the New York City High School Press Council.

J.O.I.N., which stands for Job Orientation in Neighborhoods, is an agency of the Mayor's office and one of New York City's anti-poverty programs.

A program of professional testing, counseling, remedial teaching and training in salesmanship, vocational and educational skills, is conducted to find positions for the dropouts. Interviews determine eligibility for the program.

J.O.I.N. also recruits and screens eligible youths for other anti-poverty programs such as Neighborhood Youth Corps and the National Job Corps. These youths receive a full range of services including counseling, remedial teaching, job placement and post placement counseling.

Those accepted are assigned to a professional counselor for individual help and guidance. Neither previous school or job records, nor the evaluation of any other agency, is used as a final judgment for a client's capacity or potential for further education or employment.

The directors of J.O.I.N. feel that it is of the utmost importance for dropouts to learn about the organization and have the courage to come to the centers for professional help. Anyone who meets the age requirements, can come to J.O.I.N. centers and take advantage of a better future.

Inter School Meeting Held In N.J.

By KAREN GOTLIN

Student leaders from the city high schools met to discuss their problems at a conference held in Andover, New Jersey, on October 15 through 17. Representing Midwood were Seth Mankes, Mayor and Andy Mendes, Comptroller. "All the people at the conference seemed to have heard of Midwood," commented Seth. "Our student government is known as one of the most progressive and democratic."

New ideas such as a Regents Relief Dance, advertisement of school activities on cafeteria napkins, and a student government-faculty tea were suggested. Seth and Andy noted that our student council is not as active as it should be, in comparison with other schools. They attributed this situation to a lack of seriousness in the homerooms when electing president and vice-president. "Unworthy classmates are selected for these positions," observed Seth, "causing a lack of response at Student Council meetings."

Another meeting for schools in South Brooklyn is sceduled to be held at Midwood soon.

Two Talented Students Are Contest Winners

By CHERYL HEYER

Two Midwoodites, Shelly Marshall and Audrey Johnson, recently won distinction by their talents. As a result, Shelly, a female track star, is a likely candidate for participation in the Olympics, and Audrey has acquired the title of Miss U.N. 1964.

In a 1500 meter event, Shelly achieved a record breaking time of 5 minutes, 16 seconds. This is the third time she has won such an event. Audrey delivered a speech on one of the U.N.'s special agencies, as part of the requirements for the Miss U.N. Contest. Mayor Wagner presented her with a citation at City Hall; in addition, she was given the opportunity to take a trip to Washington, D. C.

Shelly Marshall

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 19	Lafayette	Home
Nov. 22	Sheepshead Bay	Home
Nov. 24	Adelphi Academy	Home
Nov. 30	Fort Hamilton	Away
Dec. 7	Jefferson	Home
Dec. 10	Canarsie	Away
Dec. 14	Wingate	Home
Dec. 22	Brooklyn Tech	Away
Jan. 4	Boys High	Home
Jan. 7	Erasmus	Home
Jan. 12	Jefferson	Away
Jan. 14	Tilden	Home
Jan. 17	Erasmus	Away
Jan. 21	Canarsie	Home

Attention: Sophs, Juniors!

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Want to be an *Argus* cartoonist? Now, while *Argus* is expanding its art staff, is the time! Put a program card in Mr. Singer's box.

Entertaining Programs Planned

By VICTOR ROTH

This term's assembly schedule has been planned, incorporating the efforts of students and teachers.

At the first assembly, three plays were presented by the dramatics group. They were entitled: "The Importance of Being Ernest," with Richard Warshak, Babette Jacoby and Joyce Weinstein; "The First Day In School," starring Sharon Tiger; and "The Miracle Worker," performed by Sylvia Nomikos, Lynn Brother, Rona Brostoff, Steve Strauss, Bob Sterling, and Doreen Kipp.

The annual Arista-Archon Installation was held on November 3. Entertainment on the occasion was provided by the mixed chorus and the school orchestra.

After these programs, the Girls Health Education Dance is scheduled, which will last for two weeks.

The Winter Holiday and Alumni Music Assembly will take place before the Christmas vacation. This yearly event includes selections played by the orchestra and band: boys', girls', and mixed choruses as well as a number of speeches. Former students of Midwood High School are invited to their alma mater to join in all the festivities.

To conclude the term in January, there will be an Athletic Awards assembly. Members of the various Midwood teams receive awards and certificates for their participation in a specific sport.

Mr. Sarney is the advisor in charge of assemblies, and responsible for their organization.

School Charity Drives Staged By Commissions

By ELLEN WEBER

Midwood commissions have initiated numerous projects to aid the less fortunate.

Many charity drives have been organized by the Community Service Commission, among which include: a Clothing Drive for the children of Appalachia, and a "Save the Children" Thanksgiving Drive, which provides Thanksgiving food baskets for people in settlement houses. Also contributing to charity is the F.D.R. Commission, which will sell U.N.I.C.E.F. Christmas cards. A Halloween Drive for the same cause was recently staged by the group.

To bring happiness to others, the Entertainment Commission has performed in the Ingersol Nursing Home and Veteran's Hospital. They plan to entertain patients at the Coney Island Hospital in December.

The commissions, however, are not the only groups which have been contributing to the welfare of others. The Senior Class is sponsoring its own project, called "Senior Child." An appeal for senior donations is being made to provide for the expenses of their adopted child.

Patterns Seeks Material

The literary arts staff for *Patterns* is requesting poetry, fiction, essays, short stories and a one act play of no more than six hundred words, for the next issue. Also desirable would be a photographic essay, such as pictures of New York scenes with poetic captions, science fiction stories and cartoons. The emphasis in this year's magazine will be on "thought pieces," humor and works that show reasoning.

"No controversial topics will be accepted!" warned Dr. Bader, the *Patterns* advisor. "Material concerning civil rights, politics, sex or religion will not be considered."

Literary contributions may be placed in Dr. Bader's mailbox, or submitted to the *Patterns* staff during A.M. homeroom or periods 7 and 8 in room 484. All material must be typed in double space, with last name, first name and homeroom.

Argus Requests Cooperation Of Department Chairmen And B-71

Argus would appreciate the cooperation of faculty advisors, chairmen of the various departments and commissioners from B-71, by keeping us abreast of new and varied activities in our school. Information concerning projects and accomplishments, scholastic news to Midwoodites, and scheduled events including recreational programs, clubs and guest speakers, should be brought to our attention by leaving a note in Mr. Singer's mail box.

Mr. Gottlieb Retires After 21 Years Of Service In Our Music Department

Mr. David Gottlieb, of the Music department, retired from teaching this month, after approximately thirty-five years in the profession.

"I enjoyed Midwood; I have made a lot of friends among the students, and I have enjoyed the faculty," reminisced Mr. Gottlieb.

The girls' chorus, which Mr. Gottlieb directed for nearly twenty years, has given him a great deal of pride. Mrs. Nathanson will succeed him as director of girls' chorus.

Mr Gottlieb's future plans include taking courses at the New York School and giving courses at the Institute for Retired Professionals. His devotion to music will be continued by further work in the field.

Although Mr. Gottlieb is leaving the faculty, he remarked, "I won't disengage myself from Midwood activities and the friends I have made here."

Library Adds "Reader"

A microfilm reader was recently added to the Midwood High School library. The librarians, coping with limited space, but anxious to obtain sufficient sources for student research papers, feel that the "reader" is a perfect solution. Films from the Scientific American Magazines dating from 1952 to 1962 and the 1950 to 1960 issues of the New York Times are available for use.

Annual Art Contest Held On Halloween

By ED WEINTROB

Seven Midwood students, winners of the 1965 Halloween Window Painting Contest, will be honored at an award luncheon in Luigi's Restaurant.

The top prize, consisting of valuable art supplies, was awarded to the two girl team of Celine Stillman and Leonora Javer. "They were all so excellent," Leonora told *Argus*, "that I'm extremely surprise we've won."

In second place were Janice Brown and Debbie Pulver. Representing the Annex, in 3rd place, were Judy Chan, Sylvia Padron and Paula Kwcowski.

Winning honorable mention was the team of Susan Dinkus, Toby Nemiroff, Marilyn Hase and Fran Rosenfeld. Also in this category were Sharon Lerner, Joan Genneralli, Barbara Rothbart, Marilyn Jacobowitz and Marilyn Kaplan. Kensingtonites Linda Castillo, Bonnie Nelson and Sharon Kaufman also received praise for their efforts.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Midwood each fall, the competition is designed as a channel for youthful creativeness and is open to all Midwoodites. Participating students paint their entries on Avenue J shop windows, which are then judged by three representatives of the Kiwanis merchants association, and Mr. Lefkowitz, chairman of the Midwood Art department.

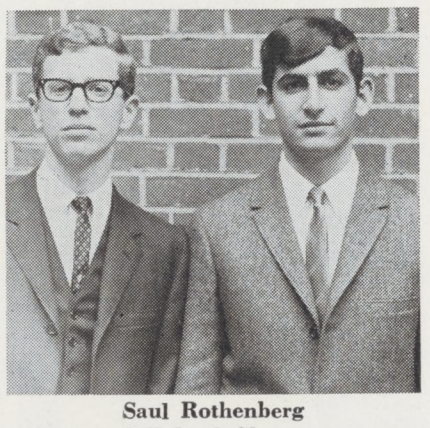
Leonora Javer and Celine Stillman

Early College Admission Granted To Two Midkids

By JUDY MEYERSON

Saul Rothenberg and Roland Glassman were the first two Midwood students to be accepted to college this year. The former applied to the University of Chicago and the latter, to Rutgers University.

Saul intends to major in biological sciences and is considering practice or research in this field. His record at Midwood includes service on the track team, membership in the Archon Honor Society, and business manager of *Road Ahead*.



Saul Rothenberg and Roland Glassman

Roland participated in the Golf Team, plays a percussion instrument in the band, and served on the Physics Lab Squad.

Both students were in the six major program and maintained high averages throughout high school.

Annual Concert Series; Faculty To Be Featured

By RHEA SCHWARTZ

The Music Department, under the direction of Mr. Hirsh, has scheduled its annual recital series for Friday nights: December 17, March 4, and April 1. This year's concerts, which will be held in the auditorium, will have several new features.

In order to introduce Midwood students to concert subscriptions, a special discount price will be offered for series tickets. If there is a sell-out, several faculty members have pledged to perform in the program. Tentatively, the first performance will be highlighted by a solo from Dr. Bernstein. Miss Shore and Mr. Dank have been put "under contract" for future engagements.

Representatives of all the choruses will perform, but the stress will be put on duets, trios, and other small singing groups. The band and orchestra will accompany the singers.

Past Midwoodites Win Recognition

By SANDY SHAPIRO

During the school year, many letters are received from colleges and previous Midwoodites, informing us of the special achievements and successes attained by our graduates.

Lowel A. Cohn and Eric A. Kimmel have each been awarded a Gilbert Prize in English for superior competence in English composition and literature. Lowel graduated from Midwood, in 1962 and Eric, in 1963. They are presently attending Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania.

Former *Argus* News Editor and graduate in the class of 1965, Steve Kussin now at Cornell, has collaborated with his father on a book called, *How to Prepare Your College Application*. Incidentally, Mr. Kussin is the boys' dean at Midwood's Annex. In his book, Steve offers advice on college applications and scholarships, college boards and other points of interest about college acceptance. Cornell has paid tribute to Steve by publicizing his book on the front page of the Cornell Daily Sun.

Irene B. Horowitz, from Park College, Parkville, Mo., has been accepted for membership in the Orion-Aurora Social Club.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Support Our Basketball Team!

YOU CAN PROTEST

We are most fortunate to be alive in the America of today. As students of a free society, we have the opportunity to voice our opinions as frequently as we wish—and often we do. On October 16th a march was held to protest the war in Viet Nam.

Thousands of people throughout the world held massive demonstrations against this war. Here in New York City, 5th Avenue was the site for a march and rally. The tone of the marchers was quite calm and few incidents were reported. The fact that a march such as this can be held peaceably, with no trouble from people either for or against the war, is a remarkable testimony to the people and government of America. This march helps prove that America is really a democracy.

We are not advocating here, a policy for or against the war in Viet Nam. We are rather rejoicing that this is still a country where people may voice opinions, contrary to those of the government, without fear of reprisal.

A demonstration such as the one held on October 16th merely reaffirms our rights as individuals living and working in a democracy.

By CAROLE POGREBIN

JUST A GAME?

It is difficult for a school which has held the city championship in football, for two years, to suffer a walloping defeat as we did at the Jefferson game.

30-0 is a humiliating score, but the riot that took place after the game was even more humiliating.

It would be foolish to say that winning doesn't count; competitive sports are played to be won. No one enjoys losing, but in football as in other sports it is a distinct possibility. Midwood has lost before and will lose again.

However, our attitude in accepting defeat reflects the sportsmanship of our school. When we undertake the responsibility of playing another school, especially at a home game, we must be prepared to conduct ourselves in a manner which will increase school pride. Assuredly Midwood was not solely responsible for the riot following the October 22nd game. But we must accept part of the blame, no matter how small. And, when it becomes necessary for a policeman (sent to break up the riot) to call Midwoodites "sore losers," then the time has come for us to take a closer look at ourselves and decide whether we like everything we see.

Mayor's Desk

If you have been in Midwood for any length of time, you will have heard talk of "student apathy." A person gets the picture of a listless, uninterested student body with only a small group of people taking an active interest in our school. You also get the feeling that this situation is incurable since it has been with us for so many years. Yet I feel that this state of affairs is not all that hopeless, since we have identified one of the main contributing factors, the poor communication between the student government and the students.

How does the City of Midwood inform you of what is happening in our school?

First, we put up a multitude of posters throughout the stairwells. All that is necessary is for people to see and read them. Next, we try using announcements—over the public address system, in the cafeteria, and in our student information bulletin. Here again we have a deplorable state of affairs. Many students give half an ear or less to these announcements because they assume they don't concern them; but you will constantly hear them say with indignation, "Why didn't someone tell me about this?" Our student information bulletins too often meet with as much success.

Our final effort at communicating with you is through the homeroom and the assembly. Here we have achieved some very good results, but a student goes to the assembly only once every two weeks and visiting one hundred homerooms is a physical impossibility.

As you can very well see, this situation can be remedied with your cooperation. If the student body is aware of the events taking place in our school and the opportunities available through the City of Midwood, student apathy will give way to student activity.

By SETH MANKES

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Principal's Message

Dear Boys and Girls:
November, 1965

I believe that you know how concerned I am about behavior of spectators at athletic contests both on our field and in our gym. Some of you have complained about irresponsible and dangerous actions after one of our football games. I welcome these complaints as evidence of the fact that many of you agree with me that we must maintain good standards at the games.

I therefore reiterate that in supporting our teams at games you bear in mind that, even more important than victory, is the reputation of our school for the gentlemanly and ladylike behavior of its students. The maintenance of this reputation obviously must be the responsibility of each student individually and of the entire student body collectively.

The basic point to remember is that we are the host school at our field or in our gym; that the visiting school is an opponent in an athletic contest ad not an enemy. Good sportsmanship embraces a show of appreciation for good plays and for an attractive halftime show. And standards of good sportsmanship are violated when there is name-calling, "booing," throwing of things, and other unseemly conduct, during and after the game.

All the principals of our south Brooklyn High School are now asking their students to observe at least a minimum of "code" of good spectator behavior. It is my hope that pupils from visiting schools will now respond as I am sure you will. I rely on Midwood students to show example that self-control and simple courtesy are ideals in which we believe and which we put into practice.

Sincerely yours,
J. L. Bernstein
Principal

Speak Out!

Two years ago in Kew Gardens, Queens, a young woman, Kitty Genovese, was repeatedly attacked and stabbed while thirty-seven of her neighbors listened to her screams without even taking the trouble to lift the telephone receiver and call the police.

In the summer of '64, a young boy was stabbed and killed on a subway while a car full of passengers looked on.

In early October of this year a young Israeli exchange nurse was pulled from a car and raped. More than twenty people heard her cries of pain but troubled themselves no more than to shut their windows and turn up their radios.

This you may say is hideous but what has it to do with you? The answer is everything. Someday soon, you shall own a home, drive a car, ride to work. Someday, soon, you may encounter violence. This is a violent world and a violent city. In a metropolis of 8,000,000 residents and almost 2,000,000 visitors a day, the odds are against you. Within ten years you will encounter violence at least three times. Perhaps you will be the victim. Will you want help? If so, then give it.

Jonathan Swiller
431A

Poem

Not having been out in the world
for a while
I walked around, kicking leaves,
and looking for a smile.
But people seem to have lost the
knack
of giving out unpaid—for smiles,
and look like they want their money
back
if one flashes across their face
unchecked.

By HINDA ZWEIG

FOR ONLY ONE VOTE

The City of Midwood will conduct school elections for the major offices of mayor, comptroller, Kensington Coordinator and the presidents and vice presidents of each of the three grades during the second week in December. At this time, you will have the opportunity to choose those candidates who you feel will represent you best for the molding of various school policies and the making of important decisions. Above all, you will select the individuals who you think will do their jobs to the utmost of their abilities.

Often you are faced with the perplexing problem of just which students to elect. To facilitate your decision, each candidate will address all students at the forthcoming election assemblies in order to outline his platform. In the course of the program, those students belonging to the Election Commission will explain the functions and responsibilities for each of the positions, for which you will be voting, in addition to evaluating each candidates' qualifications. Two days will be devoted for these purposes. All students are urged to take full advantage of these assemblies. Attend, take notes, and ask questions. These meetings are vital in guiding you in your voting. Don't underestimate them by assuming an indifferent attitude or by neglecting to vote.

It is false to think, "What difference, if any, could one vote possibly make." Surprisingly enough one vote holds a great deal of power. It was one vote that was responsible in 1868 for upholding the dignity of the presidency of the United States by retaining Andrew Johnson as president when impeachment proceedings were carried on in the Senate. It was this single ballot that prevented a calamitous injustice done to this innocent man, who was believed to be a mere victim of indecent politics. After World War I, a small subversive political organization expanded to the point of controlling an entire country. Their leader was chosen by the very narrow margin of a single ballot. His name was Adolph Hitler.

Evidently, a discrepancy of one vote can drastically affect world conditions and perhaps, those in Midwood High School, also. History is known to repeat itself; possibly one vote can elect an individual who can severely alter the reputation of our school! It is your vote that either can or cannot accomplish this act. Remember not only to vote, but to vote wisely on December 15.

By KAREN ROTHMAN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Midwood *Argus*,

I would like to draw your attention to a situation which is unfair to many students in Midwood High School. Those students who wish to take mathematics in their junior year must take a course known as "fusion," which is a combination of trigonometry and intermediate algebra. Their only other alternative if they want to receive credit for eleventh year mathematics is to go to summer school for trigonometry when they take the two-term course in intermediate algebra. All other schools give fusion in addition to offering the course separately in three terms for those students with limited math ability or those who show a little uncertainty in this subject. I feel it would not only be fair if Midwood did the same, but practical and beneficial to many students like myself.

Sincerely yours,
Hillel Ducat

To the Editor of the Midwood *Argus*,

Why must students of Midwood, who want preparation for the college boards pay high fees for a course? Many other high schools offer college coaching courses either free of charge or for a nominal fee. I feel to give such a beneficial course at Midwood would help prepare students for tests of these types and save the students unwarranted costs.

Yours truly,
Beth Cohen

To the Editor of the Midwood *Argus*,

High school should try to prepare the student for the responsibilities and self discipline that college demands. Most teachers do nothing whatsoever in respect to these purposes. The student upon entering college is completely overwhelmed by the change in the student-teacher relationship. I think it is ridiculous for a senior class to have to be subjected to a daily homework check. In college such a thing is unheard of. I feel that if a high school student does not do his homework, it is his prerogative, and he must recognize the effects of his actions and take the consequences. In addition, I think it is degrading for teachers to have each row of students hold up its text books to see that they are properly covered.

High school should do more to prepare students for college where you must let your own ambitions be your guide.

Sincerely yours,
Margie Fuchs

SPOTLIGHT

Her life's ambition is to be a booster (somehow she never remembered to attend tryouts), yet the most exciting thing that's happened to her is being chosen by the Times-Life, Inc. at the October 16 Peace March to be interviewed and mentioned in their book. She loves writing, making collages, and hearing her friends imitate Ballantine commercials. She's editor of *Epilog* and *Patterns* and has served on the Sing Lyric and F.D.R. Commission. Her name is Hinda Zweig.

Hinda Zweig

Slim and vivacious, Hinda discusses her writing, "I write the way I feel," she explained, her intelligent brown eyes gleaming with the talk of the subject closest to her heart. This is exemplified by her extraordinary work. "I'm trying to develop the personal discipline necessary to any type of art. Unlike many contemporary writers, writing is not an escape valve for me, but a means of entering something new and encountering the real world as well as the one I create."

Hinda finds school a "totalitarian institution," resenting the restrictions forced on it by the Board of Regents. She hails the 13-period day as an attempt at integration, although she feels, "It should be started at lower levels. By high school, the learning capacity is somewhat predetermined by earlier education so that the integration is merely physical."

Politically, Hinda feels, "we should be more concerned with preparing ourselves for voting by realizing how the country is run and that the government is fallible."

In parting, Hinda stated that everyone should join Sing because, "it keeps kids off the streets 'J-Bopping' and," she added with a laugh, "that statement might be the only one they'll print!"

By NIKKI BERMAN

'To Be Two T'aint Fun'—Twins Say

Think you're seeing double? Perhaps not. It could be you've just seen one of Midwood's fourteen sets of twins, on the way to class.

"We really don't mind being mistaken for each other," agreed Roselyn and Marilyn Fischer, sophomores, and Mike and Fred Russcol, seniors. "But I wish I had nickel for every time I've heard, 'Mike and Ike, they look alike,' " Fred declared.

Jean and Robert Musacchio, also seniors, have no such problem. Naturally, they can't borrow each other's clothes, as Marilyn and Roselyn do.

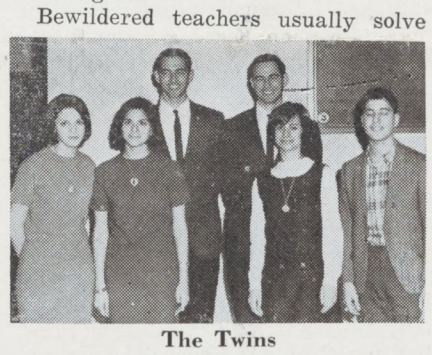
Buying clothes is a problem for Mike and Fred, not only because of size differences, but, "we detest each other's taste." Their interests on the other hand, are mutual. In Junior High, they alternated as Captain Corcoran in HMS Pinafore, and still argue over who did a better job. Both are sports enthusiasts, participants in Sing (Mike is senior chairman), and members of Midwood's math team and Mixed Chorus.

Unlike the Russcols, Marilyn and Roselyn do not compete scholastically. "We usually get the same marks anyway," Roselyn remarked. They are fairly easy to identify—Marilyn wears braces, Roselyn does not. Roselyn wears glasses, Marilyn does not.

They are very interested in music and both play the piano, accordion and guitar.

The interests of Jean and Robert lie in dramatics. They are always active in Sing (Jean was elected Senior co-leader), and recently performed a scene from Pymalion together for their Advanced Drama class. In addition, Robert plays the trombone, and enjoys the S.S. Forum. Jean is very active in Flatbush Youth For Human Rights. They both like tennis, but, "I refuse to play with Jean," Robert announced. Of course, they find a disadvantage in being twins. "We have to share a birthday cake," Jean sighed.

Bewildered teachers usually solve



The Twins

the problem of Mike and Fred's identity by calling them both, "Russcol." One teacher particularly stunned Fred, by asking, "Are you Jeffrey or Dennis?"

Are there any suggestions for making life easier for twins? "Just avoid being one," Robert advised.

By MEG KAMEN

The Repertory Theater At Lincoln Center—A New Experience For Theater-Goers

Lincoln Center of the Performing Arts has completed another unit of its complex of theaters, the Vivian Beaumont Repertory Theater. Many people will come to enjoy the plays of Chekhov, Ibsen, Miller and various other classic and modern productions in this new addition.

This particular repertory theater is exceptional for several reasons. The seating arrangement is such that one can sit in any seat in the house and never be more than fourty five feet from the stage. Besides the excellent accoustics and the stage lighting facilities, the Vivian Beaumont has innovated several conveniences. The stage itself is a work of art. In addition to being the largest of any Broadway stage, it has a movable ramp that rolls into the audience and adds even more space.

There is no orchestra to play an overture, nor is there much time taken for scene changes. A remarkable feature of the Vivian Beaumont Theater is its mechanization. The music which is the new electronic music might cause some controversy. However, the lack of wasted time in the scene changing will undoubtedly please all. Part of the stage moves so the new scenery comes on while the old goes off. This also makes it possible for the character to enter with their setting, keeping a continuous line of action.

The theater, on the whole, is so well designed for performances that when the curtain rises the physical characteristics of the theater dissolve, turning the audience's attention completely to the stage.

A Henry Moore statue stands in front of the theater, in the middle of a reflecting pool of water. The architecture of the surrounding buildings acts as a marvelous backdrop to this impressive work of art. What an important addition to the cultural life of New York City!

By NINA ROMAN

Midmoods . . . . Lynne Weissberger

Life is the condition which distinguishes animals and plants from inorganic objects and dead organisms. Its unique manifestations are growth through metabolism, reproduction, and the power of adaptation to enviornment, through changes originating internally.

It is a corresponding state, existence, or principal of existance conceived as belonging to the soul. Life is a biography, a sparkle, or a moving form.

Life envelopes the affairs and society of a culture. It is the effervescence of wine or the sharp flavor of cheese. It is the breathing form or model as the subject or representation of art. We are ruled by a life cycle and are cut short by a life expectancy. We study our life history, prepare for our family's future with life insurance, and we spend our years doing our life's work.

Our lifetime speeds by and when we have lived our life's span we make room for new living beings. Our lives revolve around our knowledge of other living creatures. We collect living insects, plants, and animals, to study their fundamental characteristics. Life studies life until its workings are understood. Then we transfer our findings to the new minds who will develop different forms of life.

From the very first day we are born our life is a day to day process. It seems to creep by so slowly that we are not aware of the large space of time we are losing. Life has puzzled us since the beginning of our existance. We want to know the why's and how's of this complex condition.

Life is defined in the dictionary and it is a noun. We know that its antonym is inertness and its synonym is vivacity. We can use it in a sentence and elaborate on it in a paragraph. We think it is clear in our minds, but like Emily, in "Our Town," will we ever know the *true* meaning of life?

Seventeen's Breakfast Preview Reveals New Trends In Fashion

On October 12th, representatives of metropolitan high school newspapers stepped into the world of lean, swivel-hipped fashion models when they were invited to the exclusive preview of "The New Look for Juniors." Under the auspices of Bloomingdale's and "Seventeen Magazine," the guests sipped hot chocolate and ogled the passing parade of feminine finery. After the guests of honor (the merchandizing and fashion editors of "Seventeen") were introduced, the show got underway.

The ultra-modern, ultra-short Correges dresses were sharply contrasted by the "Edwardian Look." The garb, dating back to the turn of the century, consists of a white lace blouse, trimmed with light blue ribbon, a long brown skirt, and a wide, pink cummerbund.

For casual wear, two slacks outfits were shown. Bell-bottom slacks have "anchored" a place in fashion. The nautical trousers were in raspberry and complimented by a pink sweater. Camel, a popular shade this year, enhanced hip-hugger slacks worn with a beige crocheted top.

The models, Diane Conlon, Colleen Corby, Holly Forsman, and Martha Branch, were old friends to the readers of "Seventeen," having often graced the cover of the periodical.

The show was suitably climaxed by an awing, formal dress of orange chiffon. Ruffles blossomed from the high waist of the gown and gracefully fell to the floor.

Still overwhelmed by the dazzling display, the departing teenaged guests made mental notes on additions to their Christmas lists.

By APRIL ZUCKERMAN

Meet Your Teacher

This term Midwood welcomes a new addition to the English Department, Mrs. Kimmelman. Before coming to Midwood, Mrs. Kimmelman taught at Alexander Hamilton Vocational High

Mrs. Kimmelman

School and Lafayette High School. She has her Masters Degree in English which she received by continuing her studies at Hunter College, Brooklyn College and New York University. Not a native New Yorker, she began her education in Chicago and then moved here where she attended Tilden High School.

"Basically all high schools are the same. However, here at Midwood the classes are less formal due to the smaller number of students. This is in comparison with Lafayette which is the third largest high school in the city." Mrs. Kimmelman explained why she thought that English was the most difficult subject to teach by pointing out that it borders on the arts and it is very difficult to develop a taste for a particular art form in a student.

Many students are interested in the new types of English that are being invented, with their slang words and phonetic spellings. One would expect a condemnation from an English teacher but Mrs. Kimmelman's views are really quite the opposite. "I believe that our language needs revision, especially in spelling where words are written much differently than they are pronounced."

Mrs. Kimmelman has two sons, one is in college and the other is a student at Erasmus. "I help my son," she commented, "only when he asks for help. When I do help him, I help him to answer the question but I do not answer it for him. I want him to form his own ideas."

We hope that Mrs. Kimmelman's stay at Midwood will be rewarding both for her and her students and that she will remain with us for a long time to come. By JEFF CHESTER

How the Draft Has Changed-1861-1965

The word "draft" is on the eyes of many people these days. What has been its origin in the U. S.?

During the first year of the Civil War, a sufficient number of men volunteered to join the armies of both the North and South. When the enthusiasm wore off, both sides offered cash to encourage enlistments. In 1862, the South started a draft and in 1863, the North did the same. The Northern draft applied only to districts that failed to meet their quotas through volunteer enlistments.

Today nearly fifty per cent of the boys between nineteen and twenty-six will not be drafted. Inequalities in the system enable this injustice to arise. High school graduates can go to college and free themselves of the draft, but others, economic disadvantages prevent them from passing the entrance examinations.

August 27th, Congress passed a bill which stated that married men can no longer avoid the draft, although their names will be put on the bottom of the "A-1" list (fit for military service).

Systems to remedy these injustices have been suggested. One is to make military service universally compulsory by removing all but the most serious causes for exemption. A completely different approach is eliminating the draft altogether. This might seem more plausible since defense in the atomic age requires only highly trained specialists. Others, however, believe that numbers of men give the nation its military strength. Abandonment of the draft was rejected by Congress and the Defense Department because high enlistment levels depend upon the "draft as a threat."

President Johnson carried out what he called "the most agonizing and the most painful duty" of his office. He announced a build-up of U. S. forces in South Vietnam by two-thirds, and he ordered a monthly double in draft calls beginning last September. Now boys can be drafted right after graduation from high school.

Students are being drafted if they do not attend school on a full time basis, or are not making normal progress.

Draftees are now being sent to Vietnam, regardless of the fact that there is no formal war.

It is expected that the draft will be necessary until the 1970's, but to many, the principle behind the draft—no matter how unfair it seems—is the most democratic way to provide for a nation's defense.

By FRAN ROSENFELD

A Dictator In The United States? It Can't Happen Here! Or Can It?

"It Can't Happen Here" is a shocking, unforgettable picture of the United States caught in the clutches of an American dictator. Many have said this is not only Sinclair Lewis' most important work, but it is one of the most significant books ever produced in this country."

The startling message that this electrifying novel holds is that the people of the United States are under the assumption that a dictatorship can take hold only in an uneducated backward nation. What they fail to realize, and what this book successfully points out, is that "it can happen here."

Berzelius "Buzz" Windrip, appearing to be the best candidate for President, wins the election and succeeds in dragging down the entire government of the United States, and eventually molding it into a dictatorship. Windrip's partisans call themselves the "Corpos" and they help him to spread his propaganda throughout the entire country.

Not everyone falls under his power. One such man is Doremus Jessup whose great will power and determination help him to stand against this tyrant and try to incorporate the strength of the "New Underground" and suppress Windrip. Working with this secret group are the Minute Men, unpaid volunteers whose only reward can be the re-establishment of a democratic society in the United States.

Many of these men lose their lives, but not in vain. Doremus Jessup and men like him will never die; they will always be there to fight for democracy.

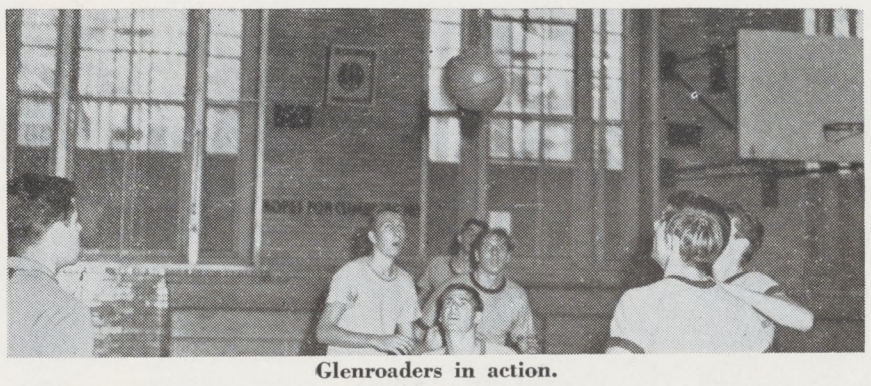
By HOLLY WALTERS

Cagers Look Good In Practice

By GLENN GOLDSTEIN

Midwood's basketball team, the Glenroaders, after practicing long hours, now seems prepared to face its 18 game schedule. It commences on Nov. 19, with a non-league game against Lafayette.

Because of graduation of previous stars, Marty Winkelman and Frank DeMarco, this year's prospects appeared dimmer. But, since early September, the Glenroaders' new coach, Bob Coccodrilli, has whipped into shape a fighting ball club.



Glenroaders in action.

Leading the squad is senior veteran Capt. Bob "Mickey" Villani. Mickey won a starting job on the Midwood varsity last season and this year doubles at the center and forward position.

Another standout, who literally does at 6'6", is Bob "Oscar" Robinson. Bob is an expert center, the tallest man on the team, and has a soft accurate throw. His experience plus aggressiveness may earn him high scores.

Midwood's back-court consists of Warren Johnson, highest scorer remaining from last year's squad, Charlie Prado, best jump shooter, Elliot Maybloom, quick and accurate, Steve Drucker, fast and experienced and Dennis Ashby, a real hustler. The back-court is completed by experienced Gil Barkman, who is also pitcher on the baseball team.

Louis Trager and James "Hutch" Hutchinson are other forwards. Both are successful rebounders who can be counted on to get the ball, even against bigger opponents. Sophs Dennis Brooks and Carl Williams fill out the 13 man squad. Both are efficient guards.

Our former coach, Dave Fried, is now Chairman of Health Ed. at Springfield Garden H.S. in Queens. Coach Coccodrilli, his replacement, played both varsity basketball and baseball for Manhattan College as an undergraduate. He was in the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden in both 1954 and 1955. Mr. Coccodrilli states, "This year's opponents look tough. However, when reminded of last year's record of one game won and seventeen lost, we doubt if we can do worse. If the team practices and tries hard we'll see better results."

Booters Finish Sixth in League

The Midwood Soccer team has compleyeted its 1965 season with a record of one win, six losses and one tie, thus putting them in sixth place in a league of nine. Midwood's lone victory was an impressive 4-0 win over Canarsie High on October 22. However, the booters have been on the short side of several close contests, including a 1-0 defeat by Brooklyn Auto in 2 overtime periods, a 2-1 "close one" by Boys High and a 2-2 tie with East New York. A little luck or more experience would have converted these to 3 solid victories.

The booters were also defeated by an expert Bushwick team 5-0, Erasmus 3-0, Wingate 4-1, and by Eastern District who tallied a startling seven goals to shutout Midwood.

Although this record appears dismal, many outstanding plays were performed by the entire squad. Jimmy Waldron, in the Canarsie game made a powerful 25 yard scoring shot and Harry Sztulwark kicked another goal. Incidentally, Jimmy is also a member of the Midwood Football Team and plans to kick football field goals, in soccer style, from as far as the 45 yard line.

Obviously, Coach Eisenberg is copying Princeton star Charlie Gogolak who has broken all college field goal records by kicking in this manner.

Although the 1965 Midwood Soccer Team was not a winning team, Coach Tohn expects a brighter future two-thirds of the team will return, among them many 3 year veterans. We all felt that the team put its best efforts forth and we hope for a greater student participation next year, both on the team and as spectators to lend encouragement.

COACH'S CORNER

By ELI ZUCKERMAN

"I enjoy teaching in high school because it gives me the opportunity to be more helpful," philosophized Mr. Mike Tohn, a new health education teacher in Midwood High School.

Mr. Tohn graduated from Erasmus Hall High School and from Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina. In college he majored in physical education, participating on varsity basketball and track teams.

Coach Mike Tohn

He comes to us with qualified experience, having taught at college for two years, and receiving high recommendations. He taught previously one year at Penn State, where he attained his Master's degree and another year at the University of Toledo, where he worked on a doctorate. Directly before teaching at Midwood High School, Mr. Tohn taught at McKinley Junior High School.

As for outside interests, as expected Mr. Tohn enjoys all sports from basketball to golf. In addition to teaching at Midwood which takes up almost all of his time, Mr. Tohn is our soccer coach and the assistant basketball coach.

Coach Tohn takes pride in the soccer team. "We are a vastly improved and young team." Eight out of the eleven starters on this years team will return next year. "We have some freshmen and sophomores on our varsity so our hopes for next year are promising." The membership to the soccer team is open to all students. "Those who are interested, especially foreign students, who usually excel in the sport should apply and try out."

Mr. Tohn attracts respect for his work.

We wish Mr. Tohn much happiness and we hope that he will stay and enjoy Midwood. We are sure though, that regardless of the success or failure of his team, Mr. Tohn will continue to have personal success here at Midwood.

Sharpshooters Set Sights On Successful Season

Led by Captain Tom Kellerhals, the Midwood rifle team is awaiting the start of what will hopefully be a highly successful season.

The team is strengthened by the return of veteran sharpshooters Ed Brown, Bob Hopping, Tom Wyatt, and Phil Schwartz. These four had fine averages last season of 168, 166, 159, and 151 respectively. (200 is the maximum score; 170 or over is considered a very good score.) Of course, individual scores at various matches ranged much higher. This year they should do even better.

Bolstering the Nimrods are newcomers Bob Kempner, Hiram Golden, and Charles Gutin.

The rifle team's schedule is much different from that of previous years, when Midwood played seven teams twice throughout the season. Under a new league system, in which 6 matches are played instead of 14, the eight teams in the league were split up into 2 divisions. Midwood's division consists of Lincoln, Erasmus, and Fort Hamilton high schools.

Brooklyn Tech, Madison, John Jay, and Alexander Hamilton are the four schools that Midwood does not play in regular season competition.

The two division system was conceived to enliven competition; Interleague championship games will take place.

The rifle team is coached by Mr. Barney Cohen, who brought the team to a 9 and 5 record last season.

Hopes Strike High Pinsmen Seek Win

Despite a valiant try, the Midwood Bowling Team went down in defeat in its first meet of the season. The loss, to a highly improved Madison team, was very close, by only eighteen pins.

The match, which consists of three games, was played Friday, November 5 at Rainbow Lanes. The first game was won by Midwood, paced by Mickey Danoff's 201. The second game we lost by a wide margin, but the third game seemed wrapped up for Midwood until the tenth frame when the third man fouled and then made nine, and the fourth man opened.

The team is coached by Mr. Ed Delaney. Captain Howie Siegel leads the team when they go to matches. Its members are: Mickey Danoff, Jeff Spence, Lewis Schiffman, Alán Mark, Jerry Bloom,, Bob Stern, Bob Frankel, Mike Haber, Gene Greystone, Tod Gannett, Jeff Stein, Neil Savin, and Manager George Hetta. All these boys have averaged over 170 points to get on the team.

New Scoreboard Dedicated

By JEFF LEVY

On October 30, prior to the Lafayette football game, the new Midwood Electric Football Scoreboard was officially dedicated. Dr. Bernstein made a brief thank-you speech to Mr. Arthur Rafkind, of Rafkind and Company, who contributed the scoreboard, and to the Midwood Football Parents Association, which originated the idea of getting a scoreboard for Midwood Field.

Rafkind and Company, a Stock Brokerage Concern, is located at 5 Hanover Square.

The new electric scoreboard, which cost over $3,000, incorporates all the features of a pro-team scoreboard. The scoreboard shows the scores for both Midwood and visitors, has a clock showing the time remaining in each quarter, and registers the downs and yards to go for each play.

The handsome blue and white structure (Midwood colors) is located on the Avenue L side of Midwood Field.

Originally, the Midwood Football Parents Association started a campaign early this year for a scoreboard. The campaign was publicized in some of the city's leading newspapers, and soon, Mr. Arthur Rafkind, a former pitcher for the Midwood Varsity Baseball Team, got in touch with the school and said that his company would be glad to contribute the scoreboard.

The whole student body is grateful to Mr. Rafkind and to Rafkind and Company for this most generous gift. The new scoreboard was put to excellent use as it recorded a score of 30-0 in Midwood's favor against Lafayette—a most auspicious beginning.

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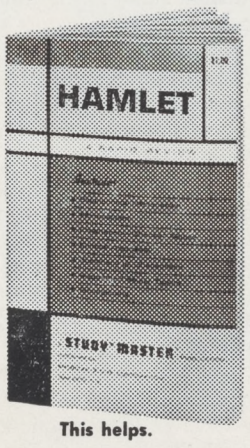

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Hornets 3-1-1 For Season; Loss to Jefferson First in 26

By JEFF LEVY

Following their opening game victory over Tech, the Blue Hornets tied Poly Prep, 8-8, got stung as they suffered a defeat at the hands of Jefferson, 30-0, squeezed out a win over Tilden, 20-18, and whipped Lafayette, 30-0. The loss to Jefferson was the first loss that the Hornets have had since their 3rd game of the 1962 season.

In the second game of the season, Poly Prep had an 8-6 lead going into the fourth quarter. The Hornets' touchdown came early in the third quarter when Quarterback Blaise Muscara plunged in from the two to cap a 51 yard drive. With scant minutes left in the game, a long Hornet drive was halted just five yards from the goal line, but the Middie defense allowed Prep just 3 yards on three plays. Kicking from their own end zone, an inaccurate snap-back from center sailed over the Prep kicker's head for a safety, 2 points, and an 8-8 tie.

Against a strong Jefferson team, the Hornets were overwhelmed, 30-0, as Middie lack of experience showed up strongly for the first time this season.

Facing Tilden, the Middies were behind 6-0 at the half. But in the 3rd quarter the Hornets scored 3 touchdowns to go ahead, 20-6. Captain Dennis Beckman started the Hornets scoring when he sprang loose for a tremendous 64 yard touchdown run. Capitalizing on a Tilden fumble recovered by guard Neil Ortner on the Tilden 26, Mascara threw a touchdown strike to end Fred Mattingly. It was Dick Thomas' turn to set up another Midwood score as the halfback ran 50 yards to the Tilden 14. A pass to Mattingly in the end zone was good for 6, and the same play on the conversion attempt was good for 2 more, giving Midwood a 20-6 lead. Tilden came back strong, but the Middies held on to a 20-18 win.

Midwood enjoyed its greatest scoring spree of the season against Lafayette in a 30-0 victory. On the receiving end of 2 touchdown passes thrown by Quarterback Mascara, Fred Mattingly led the Hornets scoring with twelve points against Lafayette. Halfback Al Kahn caught a pass in the end zone and added a two-point conversion for an 8 point total. Halfback Dave Liben scored once through the middle for 6 points, and Thomas added 4 points on 2 P.A.T.'s.

Fine Middie contributions have come from Captain Myron Brown at guard and fullback, Jim Geronimos at end, as well as linemen Steve Weingroff, Stan Broder, Jay Schierman, Jack Schneider, and Armando Williamson. Paul Kenney has also contributed to the Middies defense.

Paul Greene, Dom Pensabene, and Al Forman have contributed to the Middies attack, while Beckman, Thomas, Mattingly, Greene, and Jay Blumenkopf have played notably in the defensive backfield.

Coach Eisenstadt Proposes Revisions

"To my knowledge, Midwood has the finest physical education program in the city. There is no reason why we should not bring our tennis program up to this high standard." These were the words of Coach Eisenstadt as he explained his suggestions for an improved tennis program, which he hopes to have instituted here at Midwood.

Outlining the steps necessary for improvement he stated that first of all, the four permanent courts now in use at Midwood should be replaced by all-weather courts. This could be accomplished by an appropriation by the Board of Education. Once this is done, a series of tennis clinics as well as tournaments for both boys and girls can be initiated. This new program would inspire many Midwood students to become more interested in tennis, even if they had no previous experience in the game. These changes would enable the tennis facilities to rise to the level of excellence of our football field.

Coach Eisenstadt also expressed his opinions that this year's team will be highly successful, following in the tradition of many fine preceding teams. He expects many of its members to be outstanding in competition, most notably Glenn Modlin, Steve Kafka, David Hoffman, and Stanley Fidel.

SPORTLIGHT

"Just great" would be the unanimous Midwood opinion of Fred Mattingly. He uses his 6 foot 2 inch frame to its fullest potential in the capacity of Blue Hornet split end.

Fred is a 3 year veteran of Midwood's Football team. This year, his last, will be his best and the one he will likely remember. When asked how he feels about football, Fred replied "I love it; I can't get enough of it."

Fred Mattingly

Fred intends to go to college, preferably Temple. An athletic scholarship would be of great assistance. Since Fred has been able to maintain a good scholastic rating he has an excellent chance of achieveing his goal.

Fred, known to his teammates as "Madman," puts his heart into the game and contributes brilliant plays and a high scoring record. With the help of Blaise Muscara, and the rest of the team, he has scored over forty points and has rushed more yards than any other player on the team.

Number 80 has been an outstanding player in all our games. He played particularly well against Tilden and Lafayette scoring 14 and 16 points respectively.

When speaking of Fred, a prominent member of the team said, "He can keep the team's spirit up where it belongs, not dragging on the ground."

"We should go undefeated for the rest of the season," predicted Fred Mattingly. "The team seems to be in excellent shape. We have a lot of heart and hustle."

Fred has fine qualities. He can do anything he puts his mind to. He gives his all to everything he does. We wish Fred the best of luck in the future.

Flash!

Fred Mattingly has been named "End of the Week" by the New York Journal American. This honor was conveyed to him for his outstanding performance on October 30, against Lafayette. During the game, he scored 16 points, on two touchdowns and two conversions. We are confident that this is the first of many honors Fred will receive.

Cross Country Completes Season

Last week marked the end of the season for the cross-country team. Although generally considered to be a rebuilding year, the team finished with a record of six wins and two losses.

The season consisted of four meets, each of which saw the harriers competing against two other high school teams in our division. Scoring was based on a system where the winner of each race received one point, the second man two points, and so forth. The scores of the first five runners from each school were added together and the school with the least number of points won. There were about thirty boys in each race.

Members of the 1965 cross-country team with Coach Solomon.

In the first meet, against Lincoln and Madison, the cindermen captured victories over both schools, beating Lincoln by a score of 21-34 and Madison by 15-40, which is a shutout. Billy De La Rosa and Michael Beck scored a one-two finish, followed by Norm Sealander, Marvin Winick, Grant Weisbrot and Howie Sirota.

Competing against Erasmus and Lafayette, the harriers did not fare so well. They were defeated by scores of 25-30 and 25-32. However, strong performances were turned in by De La Rosa, who won the race, Beck, Weisbrot, Winick, Eric Rosenthal and Bruce Jenner.

At the third meet of the season, we rallied to defeat Canarsie and Sheepshead Bay High Schools. The first three places were taken by De La Rosa, Beck and Weisbrot. Winick, Howie Sirota, Rosenthal, and sprinter Dave Cohen placed slightly behind them. The scores were 18-37 and 15-40.

The final meet of the season was scheduled against Jefferson and Whitney, but neither team showed up, giving Midwood its easiest wins of the season. The other schools had obviously heard how fast our men were and decided that to compete against them would be a futile effort.

Also running in these meets were Jeff Simon, Ed Chan, Mark Wecksler, Walter Chan and Ronald Barnes. Although these boys did not do so well this year, they all were running cross-country for the first time and all will be returning next year.

Last year's record for the course at Prospect Park was 10:54. This record was repeatedly broken by De La Rosa and Beck; Beck's best time was 10:47, and De La Rosa hit a phenomonal 10:07.

Assisting Coach Solomon were Managers Richard Montalbano, Bob Pazmino, and Matthew Parker.

KICKOFF

CLIFF BLAKER

As of October 23, the outlook for the 1965 football season looked bleak. Midwood, city champion for the past two years, had just lost its first game in twenty-five. In addition, the Hornets were seriously crippled by the loss of Fred Urich, Rod Gill, Steve Wolf and Dennis Beckman through injuries. Midwood's greatest opponents, Jefferson and Boys High, were each undefeated with only four games remaining to the season.

However, a turn of events which was both interesting and encouraging to Midwood fans happened the following week. Jefferson, rated one of the best teams the city has ever had, lost to Brooklyn Tech, a squad which we had already beaten. The Hornets trounced Lafayette 30-0 in what was clearly our best game of the season. For the first time this year, the Hornets were able to utilize both an effective offense and a strong defense. These events, combined with the possible upheaval of Boys High by Jefferson next week have given Midwoodites a new lease on life. If Jefferson does beat Boys High, then the P.S.A.L. records of those two schools and Midwood will be the same. Granting that each team then wins its remaining games, this would throw P.S.A.L. Division II into a three-way tie for first place. While the possibility of such a series of coincidences actually happening seems remote, the odds-makers here at Midwood say that this can be done. Only time will tell whether Midwood, which has held the title of City Champion for the past two years so proudly, will again have this distinction.

As predicted earlier in the season, the most important factor in the success of the Hornets has proved to be experience. Most of the boys are seeing action for the first time this year. Accordingly, they have improved with every game. Although the scores depended on the quality of the opponent, there can be no doubt about the steady improvement of our team. With the season drawing to an end it is a pity that our gridironers could not have achieved the powers they now have at the beginning of the season.

Mermen Trounce Sheepshead, Erasmus

By CLIFF BLAKER

Overwhelming its opponents by huge margins, the Midwood High School Swimming Team has swam itself into competition for the city championship. Although the season is barely half over, the Middies have shown their power by defeating Sheepshead Bay by a score of 65-29 and Erasmus Hall by a score of 69-25.

Against Sheepshead, Midwood took 9 out of 11 first places. Some of the winners were Mark Bluver, in the 200 yard freestyle and 100 yard butterfly, Marv Schwartz in the individual medley and the 400 yard freestyle, Charles Wolfson in the 100 yard backstroke and as a member of the medley relay team. The other members of this medley relay team were also successful. Pat McDuffy, Harold Meehan and Dennis Flavin all came in second in their individual races which were the breast stroke, back stroke and butterfly events.

Our sprint man, Monte Gollub, took second in the 50 yard contest, but captured first place in the 100 yard event. "Lucky" Bascone, who has proven valuable in the past, gained an easy first place in the diving competition. First place in the 100 yard breast stroke and second in the individual medley went to Andy Glassman. Steve Cohen, a rookie who shows great promise, took second in the 200 yard freestyle and third in the grueling 400 yard freestyle. Jim McAteer took third in the 50 yard freestyle. The freestyle relay, consisting of Harvey Cohen, Ronald Faye, Larry Freundlich and Bruce Kirschbaum put up a valiant effort but lost.

At the Erasmus meet the story was almost the same. There were however two surprises. Captains Marv Schwartz and Mark Bluver, each of whom had been undefeated since his sophomore year, had to settle for a second place in one event each. They both lost to the same man; Marv in the individual medley and Mark in the 200 yard freestyle. Marv, however was still able to set two new school records. They were a 2:24 in the individual medley and a 4:38 in the 400 yard freestyle, both considered fantastic times.

Only two changes were in the lineup, since the previous meet. Tommy Flynn, replacing Steve Cohen in the 400 yard freestyle came in second, and the new freestyle relay team consisting of Dennis Flavin, Charles Wolfson, Steve Cohen, and Ronald Faye won.

Doxa Outlines Plans for Year

By EILEEN DeVEAU

"Doxa members set a standard for themselves both scholastically and athletically and try to stand out in their everyday appearance," explained Lenora Thompson, Chancellor of Doxa in a recent interview.

These rigid standards are met and maintained by the eighteen members of Doxa, Midwood's Girls' Athletic Society. The quotation sums up its aim and qualifications and justifies it being called an honor society.

Doxa's entrance test aims to single out those girls with true ability and genuine interest. All applicants are tested in basketball, volleyball, and general physical fitness. There are no set scores necessary, as with the P.S.A.L. tests, but rather a display of basic skill (such as position when shooting a basket) in basic sports.

Besides athletic qualifications, each candidate must have a seventy-five average. However, this term, because of the small number of present members a new policy has been instituted under which girls who don't have the necessary average may become associate members. They will participate in all activities but won't have the right to vote and receive credit. This term a student-faculty volleyball game heads the list of activities now being planned. Doxa members also act as colorguard and give aid to all gym teachers.

The installation of new members, which is towards the end of December, is marked by a ceremony in which the girls take an oath. Present officers are: Lenora Thompson, chancellor; Pat Tammadge, scribe; Pat Thompson, treasurer; and Judy Levitz, co-scribe. Miss Schnell is their advisor.